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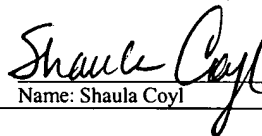
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Serial No.	10/657,838	Group Art Unit	to be assigned
Filed:	September 9, 2003	Docket No.	58060-010200
Title:	RETRACTABLE LIFTING BLADE FOR AIRCRAFT		

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE  
(37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)**

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Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests that this utility patent application be made special and advanced for examination because applicant is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by the applicant that he is over 65 years of age.

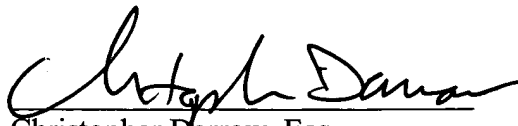
No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2638.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the application be accorded special status under 37 CFR 1.102.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 19, 2004

  
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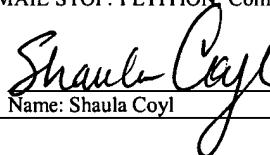
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**DECLARATION OF ALLEN J. GERBINO**

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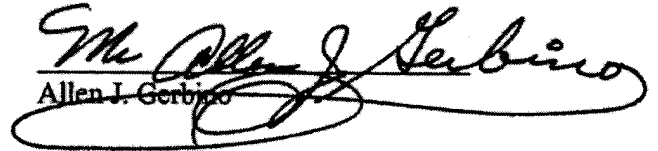
Sir/Madam:

I, Allen J. Gerbino, hereby state that:

1. I am the applicant of the patent application entitled RETRACTABLE LIFTING BLADE FOR AIRCRAFT.
2. I am the petitioner of the attached Petition to Make Special, in which I have requested that the examination of my application be expedited.
3. I further declare that I am over the age of 65 years, being 66 years of age and born on April 14, 1938.
4. Further, being warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 19 of the United States

code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom, I declare that the facts set forth in this declaration are true; and that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Date: 03-18-2004

  
Allen J. Gerbino